

Thank you for an opportunity to express my opposition to the Albacore Treaty,

I see this agreement as a lopsided treaty that favors the displaced Canadian fleet . In it's original conception I believe it was of a mutual benefit to both the American and Canadian fishermen. But as the years have passed, we have seen an ever increasing participation from the Canadians. The fact that they harvest an estimated 5,000-6,000 st of albacore from our waters each year (at 2011 prices equates to \$16,000,000-21,000,000), is in my opinion Lost Opportunity for AMERICAN FISHERMEN.

I have personally lost my market (before joining AFAA) towards the end of the season because the buyer had purchased ALL the albacore he needed that year from Canadian vessels.

I find it outrageous that, not only do I have to compete on the grounds with a foreign fleet, but when I come to the dock to unload, I have had to compete just to get my fish off the boat! Then to add insult to this, a lot of the Canadian finished product comes to the U.S. to compete for market share.

I have also fished in Canadian water numerous years in the past.

I believe without this treaty and lack of this fish taken out of OUR EEZ, we would see an increase in our dockside prices.

That's about it .

Thanks again. JohnMcDonell F/V SCANDIA-